

NEW FLU CASES LESS, BUT LIST OF DEAD GROWS

Peak of Epidemic Not Seen by Health Experts for Some Days.

PNEUMONIA ON INCREASE

Conference Held to Plan an Intensive Drive Against Both Diseases.

Although the number of new cases of influenza and pneumonia reported yesterday showed a decrease over the preceding twenty-four hours, Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health, declared last night that the peak of the epidemic had not yet been reached and that it was not likely to be for "several days." While the death rate from both diseases increased yesterday, the general type of influenza is less virulent than was the case in the epidemic of 1918 and the toll of human life will be far less, in Dr. Copeland's opinion. Unceasing vigilance on the part of the public and the taking of no unnecessary risks is urged by the health authorities as the most practical means of combating the situation.

Reports received by the Health Department showed 4,706 new cases of influenza for the twenty-four hours ended at 10 A. M. yesterday, a falling off of 882. There were 649 pneumonia cases reported, as compared with 686 the day before. Yesterday's influenza deaths totaled 100, an increase of 33 over Wednesday. There were 136 deaths from pneumonia, or 18 more than were reported the previous day.

The figures really mean nothing and will vary from day to day," said Dr. Copeland. "We are in the midst of an epidemic, and until there is a marked increase or decrease in the new cases the reports will signify little. I anticipate a larger number tomorrow."

Dr. Copeland held a conference yesterday with representatives of the Health Department in the five boroughs in order to insure uniformity in the efforts to control the disease throughout the city. All calls for physicians, nurses and supplies of food should be sent to the department's offices in the different boroughs, he said, because of the heavy pressure on the telephone lines at department headquarters at 506 Pearl street. Every effort will be made by the city to provide physicians and nurses free of charge in cases where families are unable to bear the expense.

Ask Clergy to Help.

"So much has been printed about the nurses receiving \$6 a day that we are afraid many poor families have not inquired their need to us," Dr. Copeland said. "I want to appeal to the clergy to let each borough office know of any suffering or necessity for nursing or medical attendance."

"We are receiving letters from nurses offering their services, but it would facilitate matters if they would report at my office in person. Every nurse who can be spared from her present duties should come at once, for we need them. We had calls for 125 nurses to-day and were able to furnish but 50. The volunteers included fifty-eight practical nurses and fourteen graduates. The average of \$6 a day, there is nothing to prevent families who are pleased with the work done by individual nurses from paying them more. We have had reports of excellent work done by individual nurses and some reports of an opposite character. In some instances, they have made exorbitant charges, one nurse asking \$15 for a day and a night. We are investigating these cases. We are attempting to hold up the family of a patient, the Health Department asks to be informed."

"The greatest need in the control of the epidemic is that of nurses. It is a sheer impossibility to supply the necessary number of graduates and, on this account, practical nurses are being used in great numbers. In order that we may have at our disposal within ten days an untiring supply of specially prepared women, it is our purpose to establish at the Department of Health an intensive course of training."

The work, it was announced, is to be under the direction of Miss Louise M. Webster, who had charge of the War Service Training School for Women during the summer of 1918. She will begin classes at 3 o'clock next Monday afternoon. Applicants may register at any time between 2 and 5, between Monday and Friday, at Miss Webster's office in the Health Department. Lectures will be given by Health Department physicians. There will be a practical demonstration of bedroom work by a professional nurse and instruction by a dietitian.

The first class will be prepared for practical work in a week, although some who have had previous experience and who are particularly well qualified to adapt themselves may be able to finish the course in less time. Assignments of graduates will be made at the rate of \$4 a day, the wages to be paid by the Health Department.

Schools Not Hard Hit.

Dr. Copeland said last night that thus far the public schools had not been especially hard hit by the epidemic and the absence was normal for this season among both pupils and teachers.

"The significance of the situation," Dr. Copeland said, "is the importance of every citizen appreciating his responsibility to do those things that will protect his own health and refrain from doing anything that will injure others. I can give no better advice than to call attention to the fact that influenza is a hand conveyed disease and promoted by intimate personal contact. All physicians consulted should be advised that the disease is much milder than in 1918, and all agree in advising one to go to bed when the symptoms are first observed. Unless these precautions are taken there

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PEACE DOES REGES CHURCH FORUM ROW

Vestrymen Hold Conference With Dr. Grant, but No Settlement Is Reached.

WILL SEE BISHOP TO-DAY

Cleveland Moffett Tells Rector to Beware of Attempt to Throttle Free Speech.

Nine vestrymen of the Church of the Holy Trinity, at Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street, yesterday held a conference with the Rev. Dr. Grant, rector, to discuss the controversy that has grown to serious proportions, the result of certain radical addresses recently delivered there.

The vestrymen met at two o'clock yesterday morning with the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the church, at the request recently made by the Right Rev. Charles Sumner, Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of New York, that the Sunday night forums at the church, at which these radical utterances have been made, be discontinued or held in some other place than the room "consecrated to the worship of Almighty God."

All of the vestrymen came out of Dr. Grant's home, 7 West Tenth street, entered their automobiles and drove away, with the controversy apparently no nearer settlement.

In the course of their conference with the rector, who is said to be confined to his bed with sinus infection, they decided that George Gordon Battle, Junior, warden, and Harold A. Content and J. W. Cunningham, the vestrymen, should call upon Bishop Sumner to-day for the purpose of taking over certain private matters relating to the controversy and that the vestrymen should meet again tomorrow morning to learn the result of their mission and again attempt to entice the elusive bird of peace.

Moffett Councils Defiance.

In the course of his conference with the vestrymen the rector showed them a letter he had just received from Cleveland Moffett, in which Dr. Grant was urged to persist in his use of the church for a forum despite the contrary wishes of the Bishop and an appeal made to the vestry to support such a stand on the part of the rector.

While the conference was in progress a newspaper man called at the rectory, a servant who opened the door only a few inches denied there was a meeting there and volunteered the information that there was one in Mr. Battle's office down town. Inquiries at the parish house on West Eleventh street, which connects with the rectory, brought the same result. The man in charge said he heard the conference was postponed, that Dr. Grant was too sick and that it was useless to wait. Mr. Content's automobile was standing outside, however, so the newspaper men waited and ascertained that Francis H. Sisson, vice-president of the church, was in the rectory, who was scheduled to address the forum this evening Sunday, had notified the forum the engagement would have to be cancelled.

Prussians U. S. He Says.

In his letter to Dr. Grant Mr. Moffett said: "We are Prussians in America. We are limiting free speech more and more in this free land, in our streets, our institutions of learning, our legislative halls, our newspapers and now our churches. Let us beware lest we clamp down these safety valves of public feeling so hard that the final result will be disaster. While we were at war I favored the suppression of seditious utterances, but the war is over now."

In addition to a long declaration about the rights of "Americans" to air "grievances against the existing order" the letter said these are "days of wavering and falling down," that the Bishop errs in thinking the radical talks should not be held in the room "consecrated to the worship of God," because "good works wherever done carry with them their own consecration," and that the churches are fortunate to remain free of taxation in these times.

Continuing, the letter said: "I wonder what Bishop Burch would say to a suggestion that in view of present hard times and the high cost of living it seems only fair that all the churches in the United States which are not measuring up to a reasonable standard of every day efficiency shall be required to pay taxes upon the land and buildings they are withholding from the people's service?"

"I was elected a vestryman of the Church of the Ascension several years ago, as you remember, and only decided not to serve because I was out of sympathy with certain antiquated ecclesiastical traditions like the use of the Bishop's throne in his ruling against the use of an Episcopal church as a public forum."

Mr. Moffett had addressed the forum in the Church of the Ascension on a number of occasions. His last appearance was at the time he was organizing vigilantes to suppress certain street orators and was active in the affairs of the American Defence Society.

THREE ALIEN REDS DEAD ON ISLAND

Neglect of One Patient Is Denied.

Byron H. Uhl, Acting Commissioner of Immigration in charge of the Ellis Island Station, said yesterday that three of the arrested Communists had died of influenza recently.

Mr. Uhl branded as untrue and a piece of propaganda a story recently published in the New York Call, the Socialist newspaper, to the effect that a certain male deportee had been allowed to die in agony on the floor of the main hall in the Immigration Building without medical attention.

Mr. Uhl referred to in the article is still alive, he said, and is in the island hospital, where he was taken immediately upon the discovery of his illness.

FLU RAGED IN DRY CUNARDER.

Sixty Cases in Kaiserlin Anguste Victoria, Now in Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH, England, Jan. 29.—Influenza raged aboard the Cunard liner Kaiserlin Anguste Victoria during her passage here from New York, whence she sailed on January 17. The liner arrived here to-day twenty-four hours late because of encountering a hurricane. There were sixty cases of influenza among the passengers and crew, three of the patients developing pneumonia, from which one, a third class passenger, died last evening.

It was declared on the vessel that the absence of stimulants on the ship, which was sailing "dry," had hampered the surgeons in fighting the prevalent disease. A supply of spirits and medical stores was taken on board before the vessel proceeded to Cherbourg and Liverpool.

R. LEVERING'S DEATH NULLIFIES \$100,000

Insurance Policy Awaited Only His Check to Make Contract Effective.

HE DIED OF PNEUMONIA

Head of Petroleum Engineering Firm and Rendered Important War Service.

Although Richmond Levering, head of the petroleum engineering company which bears his name, made all arrangements necessary for taking out a life insurance policy of \$100,000 in one company, his death Wednesday night came before he had closed the transaction by paying the last premium. It is understood that Mr. Levering was also negotiating with other companies for large policies.

Mr. Levering, although not yet 33, was a very successful and wealthy promoter of oil properties. Recently he decided to add to his insurance for the benefit of his wife and three children. Medical examiners of the Equitable Life Assurance Society pronounced him a good risk and the company agreed to write him a policy for \$100,000.

An agent of the company bearing all the necessary papers called some time ago at Mr. Levering's office with the policies. He was informed that Mr. Levering was ill at home and had not yet signed the check for the premium on the policy. The agent returned with the policy to his own office to await word of Mr. Levering's recovery or until the check was forwarded from his home.

Success to Pneumonia.

Neither word nor check came. Mr. Levering, who first suffered only an attack of influenza, later contracted pneumonia. The officials of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, who were generally shocked yesterday by the news of his death at his home, 1 East Fifty-sixth street.

Mr. Levering was born in Lafayette, Ind., in 1881. He was graduated from Yale University, where he was prominent in rowing and boxing in 1902. Borrowing \$5,000 he started his first oil company, the Indian Refining company, of which he was president from 1902 to 1912. This was a great success.

Later Mr. Levering acted as the executive representative in the United States of the Royal Dutch Shell Petroleum Company, organizing its subsidiary companies and purchasing properties for it in the United States and Mexico.

Just before the entrance of America into the war Mr. Levering organized and was the managing director of the Island Oil and Transport Corporation, which developed some of the largest oil fields in Mexico, and attained second place in point of shipments from Mexico. In spite of these activities in his own business Mr. Levering gave most of his time to the service of the Government.

Was in Secret Service.

At the time the United States declared war on Germany he was a special agent in the Department of Justice, chief of the American Protective League, Secret Service Division, and a member of the War Relocation Authority. During the war Mr. Levering was chief engineer of the mechanical section of the American Senate and a member of the War Relocation Authority. He organized Richmond Levering & Co., Inc., in 1914.

Major Levering was commander of the Chemical Warfare Service, and was detailed also for a time to the navy, Aviation Section, Bureau of Ordnance. He also had acted as consulting engineer for the navy in the preparation of reports to the Senate on questions of fuel oil supply and oil specifications. He organized Richmond Levering & Co., Inc., in 1914.

SUGAR FIRM GETS O. K. FROM WILLIAMS

E. A. Lamborn & Co. Absolved From Profiteering.

Following a hearing which occupied nearly two hours before him yesterday, Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator, absolved the firm of E. A. Lamborn & Co. of 125 Front street from charges of profiteering in sugar.

In briefs prepared and submitted by Lamborn & Co. it was shown that the transaction complained of had been approved beforehand by Howard Figg, Assistant Attorney-General in charge of food profiteering prosecutions, and by Henry Castello in his ruling against the use of an Episcopal church as a public forum.

In November, when the sugar shortage became acute and the Food Administration was trying to hold prices at the figures fixed earlier in the year, George R. Cohen, United States Attorney at Hartford, Conn., complained to Arthur Williams that the Connecticut Beef Company, also of Hartford, had been forced to pay 15 cents a pound for 1,000 tons of sugar sold by Lamborn & Co. An investigation was requested and the price was 5 cents in advance of the Government figure.

Before Mr. Williams yesterday Mr. Lamborn submitted a memorandum showing that the sugar in question had been purchased through the Equalization Board for 9 cents and represented a residuum of a larger order intended for export. When the sugar came on, Mr. Williams said, he asked permission to dispose of the sugar in this country at the price he could obtain for it abroad, and as this price was lower than the current market, the sale was permitted. While the profit on the single transaction represented about \$130,000, Mr. Williams stated that as the matter previously had been passed upon by other Federal officials he was powerless to act, although he had not been consulted at the time of the sale.

Boy Dug Out of Coal Pile.

Carl Seiman, 6, a pupil at P. S. 10, St. Nicholas avenue and 117th street, jumped into a large coal pile dumped near the school yesterday at recess and promptly disappeared, head and all, only one hand sticking out. It was fifteen minutes before Patrick J. Burke, the school janitor, working with a shovel, dug the boy out. He had to move about a ton of coal. The boy was taken to Harlem Hospital, where, after the coal dust had been removed, it was found his condition was not serious. He was taken to his home, 139 West 123d street.

Loose Fur Overcoat on Court.

In order to get at his wallet to supply bail for his brother in Harlem court yesterday William Gorrig of 238 East 155th street removed a big fur overcoat and let it out on a courtroom seat. The bond filing procedure required less than five minutes, but when Gorrig returned the overcoat was gone. Police of the East 156th street station were notified. Gorrig's brother, Gustave, was before Special Sessions on a charge of violation of the tenement house law.

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begins to take us in its summery embrace, we feel like yielding ourselves to being caressed forever by it and be put to sleep in the daylight by the mocking birds which, before dawn, woke the sleeping sun and told him that it was time for him to light up their concert room.

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New York is having a frosty Winter, but it has this warm, big place to come to, and its sights of people from all over the world who come to it and all the courtesies of "feel at home."

The be-welcomeness of the Store always makes itself felt when you are here.

[Signed] John Wanamaker

January 30, 1920.

Three Tables set with Decorative Glass

Au Quatrieme

Three tables Au Quatrieme are rarely lovely. They hold arrangements of glass in most exotic beauty of form and color, old glass and modern glass in services, and fragile-blown ornaments from Italy.

Rose et Vert

One table has for its center ornament a shallow bowl of pale ruby colored glass piled high with shining grapes of glass, colored emerald green and rose and frosty white. The other ornaments on the table play pleasantly with the same rose and green theme. There are old rose colored glass candlesticks with opaque white decorations and pendant prisms of crystal, apple green goblets, and pale ruby, smaller glasses and finger bowls. Two great goblet shaped compotes are crystal and pale ruby cut glass.

Jaune et Noire

Four canary yellow candlesticks holding velvet black candles are on another table. The candlesticks are of old English glass and match the large canary colored covered compotes, the finger bowls, and the two small bottles. In the center of the table is a yellow glass bowl of black grapes.

Coqs de Porcelaine

A long refectory table is made lovely by Venetian glass of a beautiful amethyst color. There are four candlesticks in the center besides compotes, finger bowls and goblets of this glass. On each side of a large shallow amethyst glass bowl in the center is a porcelain cock with sweeping tail-feathers and gay comb painted rose and amethyst.

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"The Transit of Venus" is the name of the great musical leader's last writing. It is a delightful love story. The setting is strange, \$1.60.

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Is Ambrose Elwell's interesting story "At the Sign of the Red Swan" tells of the life of the simple people who live in the little coast towns of Maine. It gives a glimpse into the lonely, hardy lives of the fishermen and their families who live on small islands. A wrong accusation and circumstantial evidence makes the basis of an interesting plot, \$1.60.

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